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Title: Inter-State boundary disputes amongst the states of North East Region.

DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA (LAKHIMPUR): Mr. Deputy-Speaker, through you I would like to draw the attention of the hon. Home Minister to the disturbances in Assam on its borders with the neighbouring States of Meghalaya, Nagaland and Arunachal Pradesh. Settlement of disputes between various States is the primary responsibility of the Central Government. The situation at the Assam-Nagaland border is very tense because the people are terrorized due to free movement of armed militants who are under ceasefire agreement. In certain parts of the border, illegal migrants are also being settled down. Yesterday, to draw the attention to this fact, about 130 inhabitants of Golaghat District near Assam-Nagaland border led by the area MLA Mr. Binod Gowala have staged a dharna. They are also drawing the attention of the Central Government for immediate settlement of the border issue. The Central Government has also constituted a Commission to go into the various disputes between the States.

I would like to draw the attention of the Government to immediately settle the border dispute. This is presently managed by the CRPF as the neutral force. They are not able to manage and the people are always in tension. It is an issue of prime importance for us. The Government should pay adequate attention to this and this issue should be settled once and for all.

SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL (DIBRUGARH): Sir, I associate myself with Dr. Arun Kumar Sarma on this issue.[r30]